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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT: Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign
Policy

1. Attached is an advance copy of a letter from Robert D. Murphy, Chairman of the above-mentioned Commission, to the Director concerning the handling of special clearances for the Commission. I mentioned this to the Director and said I would refer it to you. He agreed.

2. It is not clear what sort of material involving such clearances the Commission will need, but we hope it will be small in volume and general in nature. However, the membership of the Commission makes this somewhat unpredictable.

3. The Commission has no secure facilities in its present quarters; therefore, if any classified material is to be given it, we have made arrangements with Mr. Wheaton Byers, Executive Director of PFIAB, that the material be kept in PFIAB's secure facilities. This is satisfactory to the Commission and, in fact, was its suggestion. You will note that GSA is involved. Apparently this is because GSA is the housekeeper for Commissions of this nature.

4. I am dealing mostly with Mr. Fisher Howe, Deputy Director of the Commission Staff. He has been recalled to duty as a Foreign Service Officer for this particular function.

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cc: Executive Secretary
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COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506
October 9, 1973

Mr. William J. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Bill:

In advance of the Commission's exploration of the intelligence community's role in the foreign policy process, it seems imperative that we clarify our security procedures. I am writing in the hope that you can assist us in dealing with this complex problem.

Let me first explain our current position. The White House Security Office has advised us that the four Presidential appointees to the Commission, The Honorable William Casey, Mrs. Anne Armstrong, Dr. David Abshire, and I are eligible for Top Secret access on a need-to-know basis in connection with our present assignments with the Commission. The State Department arranged for the Top Secret clearance of the four public members of the Commission appointed by Congress: Mrs. Jane Englehard, Dr. Arend Lubbers, Mr. Frank McGlinn, and Dr. Stanley Wagner. The four members of Congress, Senator Mike Mansfield, Senator James Pearson, Congressman Clement Zablocki, and Congressman William Maillard hold the necessary clearances by the nature of their offices.

The members of our staff either have received or are in the process of obtaining Top Secret clearances from the Civil Service Commission, via the General Services Administration.

We are not, at this stage, in a position to define clearly what kinds of information will ultimately be necessary for us to explore adequately the organization of the government for foreign policy. But we will inevitably need access to some sensitive intelligence information, and we consider it important not to exclude any members of the Commission from any part of the Commission's inquiry. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to request special intelligence clearances (to cover, inter alia, communications and satellite intelligence) for the Commissioners and the following staff members who will have a need to know:

Francis O. Wilcox, Executive Director
Fisher Howe, Deputy Director
William B. Spong, General Counsel
Thomas J. Reckford, Staff Assistant on
Intelligence
Paul Schratz, Staff Assistant on Defense
Gloria Adams, Secretary
Barbara Moore, Secretary
Jo Ann Lashley, Secretary

I hope that this can be worked out without too much difficulty.

With warm regards,

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Robert D. Murphy
Chairman